AN ORDINANCE OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT. FOR Advancing by way of loane, the summe of fourty thousand pounds, for payment of *Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX* ARMIE.

October the 15. 1645.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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13. *October.* 1645.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for advancing by way of Loane, the summe of Fourty thousand pounds, &c.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, finding the many Battells, Sieges and other service performed by the Army under the Command of Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and the necessary recruiting and supplying thereof at so great a distance hath occasioned a farre greater expence, then was at first conceived, And also the great Advantages, which through the blessing of God, the Common-wealth hath received by the unwearied indeavours of the said Army; Doe hold it necessary, that a Considerable summe of Money bee forthwith advanced for the supply of the said Army, and defraying of the charges incident thereunto, Have Ordained, and doe hereby Ordaine by authority of Parliament, that the summe of forty thousand pounds shall be forthwith advanced by way of Loane for the intents and purposes aforesaid, by, and on such persons of abilitie as shall voluntarily, or by Assessment lend the same on the Security, and Termes hereafter expressed. And in regard many persons of Abilitie through disaffection or otherwise have been slow in the like Services tending to the good and preservation of the Publique, It is therefore by the said Lords and Commons Ordained, for the more spee-

dy and orderly rayſing of the ſaid ſumme of fourty thouſand pounds. That the Committee appointed by ſeverall Acts of Common Counſell for gathering of the Arrears, or any ſeven or more of them ſhall be a Committee to Regiſter and take the Subſcriptions of all perſons that ſhall voluntarily lend and advance moneys as aforeſaid, and to aſſeſſe ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall not according to their Abilities, voluntarily and proportionably advance the ſame. And to Aſſeſſe ſuch part of the ſaid ſumme (as ſhall not bee voluntarily advanced) on ſuch perſons of abilitie as they ſhall thinke fit, the ſame to be paid by the perſons reſpectively, as ſhall ſo lend or pay the ſame unto Sir *John Wollaſton*, and the reſt of the Treaſurers at Warre, appointed by the Ordinance of the 29 of *March* laſt, at the place of Receipts in Guild-hall *London*.

And be it Ordained by authority aforeſaid, That all and every perſon or perſons, being aſſeſſed by vertue hereof, and neglecting or refuſing to pay the ſaid ſeverall ſummes ſo aſſeſſed unto the ſaid Treaſurers at Warre within ten dayes after notice given, or left at his or their uſuall place of aboad, or at the dwelling Houſe or place of aboad of any Partner or Factor of the perſon or perſons ſo Aſſeſſed, inhabiting within, or neere the Citie of *London*, ſhall be by vertue of a Warrant from the Committee of Lords and Commons appointed by the ſaid Ordinance of Parliament of the 29 of *March* laſt paſt, who (or any five of them, one thereof being a Peere upon conſideration of every ſuch aſſeſſment) are hereby authoriſed to approve, increaſe, or moderate every ſuch aſſeſſment, and thereupon to make and give Warrants to ſuch perſons as ſhall be by the Committee now appointed nominated for that purpoſe, compelled

led to pay the ſame by diſtreſſe of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay the ſame, which goods ſo diſtreyned ſhall be ſold by ſuch perſons as the ſaid Committee ſhall appoint for ſatisfaction of the ſaid Aſſeſſment, and the ſurpluſage, if any be, the ſaid Aſſeſſment and Charges ſatisfied, be returned to the party diſtreyned.

And if any perſon ſhall neglect, or refuſe to pay the ſum aſſeſsed, untill a Diſtreſse be taken for the ſame then, that every perſon or perſons ſo neglecting or refuſing as aforeſaid, ſhall pay ſuch reaſonable charge for every ſuch diſtreſs, removall, or ſale of his, her, or their goods as the ſaid Committee (of Lords and Commons, or any five of them one thereof being a Peere) appointed by the Ordinance of the 29 of *March* 1645. ſhall allow to be imployed for the better execution of this Ordinance.

And if no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had, or taken of the goods of the perſons that ſhall be Aſſeſsed, by vertue of this preſent Ordinance, then ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be by vertue of a Warrant from the Committee of Lords and Commons as aforeſaid who are hereby authoriſed to grant the ſame, be committed to ſafe Cuſtodie, there to remaine untill ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall ſatisfie the ſaid ſumme aſſeſsed upon them by vertue hereof, which money ſo brought into the Treaſurers at Warre ſhall be iſsued forth by Warrant from the ſaid Committee of Lords and Commons appointed by Ordinance of the 29 of *March* aforeſaid, excepting what ſhall be by order of the Committee appointed by this preſent Ordinance deducted for payment of perſons imployed in the execution of this Ordinance not exceeding three pence in the pound.

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And for the better incouragement and ſecuring of ſuch perſons as ſhall advance the ſaid ſumme or any part thereof, The Lords and Commons doe hereby Ordaine that ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall pay or lend any money upon or by vertue of this Ordinance, and pay the ſame to the Treaſurers at warre aforeſaid, ſhall be repaid the ſeverall ſummes which ſhall be by them advanced, out of the receipt of the Excize and new Impoſt, with intereſt after the rate of eight pound *per centum, per annum* for ſo long time as they ſhall forbeare the ſame.

And the Commiſſioners of Excize and new Impoſt for the time being, are hereby authorized and required to pay unto the ſeverall Lenders, their Executors and aſſignes, at the end of ſixe months, the intereſt for ſo much money as ſhall be advanced by vertue hereof, and the principall and remainder of the intereſt thereof after the rate aforeſaid, in due courſe, order and ranke as the ſame ſtands charged upon the ſaid Exciſe and impoſt, unto the perſons that doe advance the ſame.

And the receipt of the ſaid Treaſurers at Warre or any two of them, one being an Alderman, the other a Commoner, ſhal intereſt and intitle every perſon or perſons to whom it ſhall be given, his or their Executors, Adminiſtrators or aſſignes, into the ſecurity and benefit of this preſent Ordinance with intereſt aforeſaid.

And it is further Ordained that no Ordinance nor aſſignement, not paſt in the ſaid receipt of the Exciſe before an Ordinance of the ſecond of *September* laſt, for the payment of fifty thouſand pounds in courſe, for the ſervice of the Army under the Command of Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, ſhall preceede this Ordinance; But that it ſhall be paid in its courſe from that time accordingly

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and the aforementioned receipts of the Treaſurers at warre, together with the acquittance of the perſons advancing the ſame, ſhall be a ſufficient warrant and diſcharge to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe and every of them, for payment of the ſaid ſummes to the ſeverall perſons as aforeſaid.

And it is further Ordained that all Majors, Sheriffs, Conſtables and Headboroughs and all Officers of the Trayned Bands and Auxiliaries within the ſaid limits, ſhall be ayding to the ſaid reſpective Committees, and ſuch as they ſhall imploy in the execution of this preſent Ordinance.

And the ſaid reſpective Committees ſhall have power to impoſe upon ſuch Officers or perſons ſo neglecting their duties therein, ſuch fine or fines as to them ſhall ſeeme meet, not exceeding forty ſhillings for any one offence, and to cauſe the ſame to be leavied by diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods as aforeſaid.

And it is further Ordained that all perſons acting in purſuance of this Ordinance ſhall be ſaved harmeles by authority of Parliament.

And that no priviledged places ſhall be exempted from the ſaid aſſeſſment.

Provided that ſuch perſons as ſhall make it appeare to the ſaid Committee of Arreares by their Proteſtation or Oath that he or they are not worth one thouſand pounds, ſhall not be aſſeſſed by this Ordinance.

Provided alwayes that this Ordinance or any clauſe therein conteyned ſhall not extend to any of the Peers of this Realm, or to the Members of the Houſe of Commons, or aſſiſtant, attendant or Officer of the Houſe of Peers, or Officer of the Houſe of Commons.

H. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

Die Martis 2. September, 1645.

IT is this day Ordained by the lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that fifty thouſand pounds ſhall bee paid in courſe for the ſervice of the Army under the Command of Sir *Thomas Fairefax*, out of the receipts of the *Exciſe*, by Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, 1643, unto the Treaſurers at Warre; and the receipt of any foure of them together with this Ordinance ſhall bee a ſufficient diſcharge unto the Commiſſioners of *Excize* and every of them, for payment of the ſaid fifty thouſand pounds, and Intereſt for the ſame after the rate of eight pounds *Per Cent.* for ſo long time as the ſame ſhall be unpaid, before it become due as aforeſaid.

H. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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